

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 412205907****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Anchorage Park Foundation - Pena Park Safety and Field Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Improving the Pena Ballfields at Centennial Park: renovation of popular community picnic area

Funding Plan:

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| Total Project Cost: | \$50,000 |
| Funding Already Secured: | (\$0) |
| FY2014 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$50,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit: | \$0 |

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Pena Sports Fields are located within Centennial Park. Neighbors have identified a number of areas in which the Pena fields need improvement. The park is a popular picnic area. The picnic shelter, as well as the parking lot, require minor repairs. New amenities, such as coal/ash bins, picnic tables, and trash cans, are also needed.

In the summer of 2014, the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department plan to complete improvements in Pena Park with the help of community volunteers and the input of a neighborhood park committee. We invite the Alaska State Legislature to join us in investing in the future of Pena Park and the East Anchorage community.

Fix-It List Priorities

- Parking lot improvements
- New site amenities for the picnic area

Project Timeline:

Summer 2014

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$18 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize parks in your district.



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CAPIS Project Number

59694

Legislative District: G - 13

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Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts linking neighborhoods with natural spaces.

The Anchorage Park Foundation partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote Healthy Parks and Healthy People in the Anchorage community. Together, we revitalize the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks and the neighborhoods that surround them.

The Anchorage Park Foundation mobilizes public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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Centennial Park Safety & Field Upgrades

The Peña Sports Fields are located within Centennial Park. Neighbors have identified a number of areas in which the Peña fields need improvement. The park is a popular picnic area. The picnic shelter, as well as the parking lot, require minor repairs. New amenities, such as coal/ash bins, picnic tables, and trash cans, are also needed.

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Project Cost Estimate

| Project Budget | Cost |
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| Parking Lot Improvements | \$35,000 |
| New Site Amenities for the Picnic Area | \$15,000 |
| TOTAL | \$50,000 |

2013 Request

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| State Funding Request | \$50,000 |
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Centennial Park Fix It List Priorities

- Parking Lot Improvements
- New Site Amenities for the Picnic Area

Centennial Park Safety Upgrades

Peña Sports Fields



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From the Russian Jack Community Council meeting on February 13, 2013:

Kathleen Plunkett moved and Fred McLeary seconded:

Russian Jack Community Council supports the following items from the Anchorage Park Foundation 2013 legislative requests for area-wide projects:

1. Trail Watch Safety - Youth Employment in Parks Program \$100,000 for trail safety improvements to prioritized sections of the Anchorage Trail System identified by Trail Watch volunteers. Many of the improvements will be made by crews from the Youth Employment in the Parks program and organized volunteer events.

2. Anchorage Disc Golf Course development. \$250,000 to plan, purchase and install disc golf courses in the Anchorage Bowl. One likely destination for a course is nearby Davis Park.

3. Northeast Anchorage Bike Skills and Pump Track. \$61,000 to build a bike skills and pump track course. A pump track is a biking loop with small hills and technical features for mountain bike training. The most likely destination for this course is also Davis Park.

4. Centennial Park, Pena Ballfields. \$50,000 for improvements to the Pena Ballfields.

5. Creekside Park Little League. \$25,000 to perform upgrades to the field, dugouts and bleachers.

6. Tikishla Park. \$50,000 for upgrades to Tikishla Park. This would include removing the defunct snack shack, converting the south ball field into a soccer field or green space, and thinning the woods around the park to increase visibility. If funding is granted, APF will contribute an additional \$40,000 to the project.

Motion passed unanimously (8 - 0).

Edward Leach
President